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LETTERS FROM THE OLD COUNTRY.

NO. XXVI.—BY E. L. D.

Not far from the First Avenue Hotel is Lincoln Inn Fields. The old ruin is still standing and the law courts adjoining, but the once fields are all built over with houses, that themselves are old now. The centre of the fields is occupied by one of the squares full of bloom and shade. Though but a few rods from the busy, noisy High Holborn street, it is as still and quiet as country life. The residences here have a subdued appearance. One is known as the Soane Museum. It was formerly the home of Sir John Soane, architect of the Bank of England, and many other prominent buildings in London. His wife and sons dying, he left his valuable collection of curiosities for the benefit of the public, and an hour can be enjoyably spent in examining them. The rooms are small and many, but great skill has been exercised in making the most of every inch. The picture gallery is only twelve by thirteen feet. But after you have examined the pictures on the walls, the keeper turns a button and swings open the very walls themselves, and there are pictures on the inner side of the door thus opened as well as on the wall beyond. A second time he swings open the wall, and by this arrangement on three sides of the room, 118 pictures are accommodated. Many of them are by good artists and are valuable. The most interesting object is seen by descending to the Sepulchral Chamber, illuminated by an amber light from above. Lady Soane's monument is here, but the object we seek is an Egyptian sarcophagus, that was found near Thebes in 1817. It is of ample dimensions and covered inside and out with hieroglyphics and figures, that relate to the father of Ramses the Great. The great casket is of alabaster two and a half inches in thickness, and a lighted candle placed within shines through it with wonderful effect. On leaving the museum we pass out of the square by a narrow street, and a small boy on the sidewalk, looking in our faces and judging us to be strangers, says, "there it is, ma'am." We look up, and there on a low, two-story, very old fashioned house are these words: "The old curiosity shop immortalized by Charles Dickens." It almost takes the romance away for a moment, and it seems as if the place and surroundings are far too small for all the stage setting of the touching story. But after all great tragedies are often enacted in a nutshell and in quiet, unsuspected lives, and we have all the more respect for the great author. In this neighborhood are some of the oldest houses in London, carefully preserved, and many of them retaining their old names, and even occupation. After a little wandering through these by-ways we come out on Chancery Lane—clubs and chambers of all kinds have their entrance from this thoroughfare. At the foot of the lane on "the Strand" we see a four story narrow house inscribed "The Palace of Henry the VIII. and Cardinal Wolsey." It is now used as a barber and hair dressing establishment. Passing down the "Strand" on our right are the Royal Courts of Justice, magnificent buildings, forming a whole block and having a frontage of 500 feet. There are nineteen court rooms, besides a grand hall and galleries. The Queen opened the courts December 4, 1882. "The Strand" is one of the principal thoroughfares from the city to the west end, and is one of the busiest and most important streets in London. The stream of traffic is enormous, and it requires skillful navigation to cross from one side to another. It formerly skirted the river, but now a row of buildings containing many fine shops is between, these still fronting on a fine avenue that runs along the river edge. The Strand once contained the mansions of noted men and women, the cross streets being named accordingly, but the palaces have long since disappeared, or been converted to more plebeian uses. Somerset House, erected 100 years ago, stands on the site of a former palace, but the present building is occupied by various public offices. The Audit, Revenue, and Registrar, also the repository of testamentary writings of all kinds—are among the number. A number of the Theaters are on the north side of the Strand, while others are on the cross streets but a short distance from it. On the south side and nearly at its terminus is the Charing Cross station with

THE BISHOP ESTATE.

Third Annual Account of the Trustees—A Large Balance to Next Account.

In the Supreme Court at chambers, before Chief Justice Judd, on Friday, April 19th, Hon. S. M. Damon, of the Trustees of Estate of Mrs. B. P. Bishop, deceased, appeared, and there were presented the Trustees' third annual account, being for the year 1888, and Mr. J. H. Keist, the Master's report thereon. The Court after an examination ordered the account allowed, the Master's report confirmed, and that the Master's fee of \$50 be allowed; also said the Trustees would publish annual inventory as directed in the will.

In his letter of submission of account, dated January 2d last, Mr. Damon, after referring to the showing of receipts of \$49,834.58 and disbursements of \$46,180.14, says:

"The large expense has been for the Kamehameha School for Boys, to which have been added, during the year, a large dormitory, cottage for teachers, a large gymnasium, carpenter's shop, and a great deal of work has been done on the grounds. During the year the Trustees have received from Hon. Chas. B. Bishop the munificent gift, for the school, of a large, fully equipped school building, with all the necessary out-buildings, and a large play shed, all to be used as a preparatory school. This the Trustees most gratefully accepted, and it is now in full working order, with a full complement of experienced teachers and twenty pupils. The school for older boys has a very efficient corps of teachers and 92 pupils, with everything working well and giving the Trustees satisfaction. The Trustees have sold during the year one small piece of land at Lahaina, they have purchased some small pieces on this island to complete boundaries, and have sunk an artesian well on the estate property at Waikiki."

The following figures are taken from the Master's report upon the accounts:

RECEIPTS.

From the Estate generally, exclusive of the Kamehameha Schools.....\$9,757.88
From Kamehameha Schools.....3,028.96
All other sources.....5,147.80
Total.....\$17,934.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

For the Estate generally, exclusive of the Kamehameha Schools.....\$13,731.67
For Kamehameha Schools.....32,410.77
Total.....\$46,142.44

The foregoing statements show a balance of \$3,672.14, adding to which the previous year's balance of \$131.50 makes a balance of \$3,803.73. By a correction of the Master, however, the real balance is made \$3,783.63. The Master in his report calls attention to the non-observance of a provision of the will, directing that the Trustees "file before the Chief Justice annually an inventory of the property in their hands and how invested, and to publish the same in some newspaper in Honolulu." It is to this that the Court had reference in the order approving the accounts.

The larger items in "all other sources," from which revenue has been derived, are as follows: Sale of Government bonds, \$3,500; Sales of land in Lahaina, \$800; Fisheries, \$775.75.

In disbursements some of the leading items are as follows: Repairs and improvements to three houses belonging to Estate make up \$841.45; the Kaiwila road cost \$500.85; \$2,000 on account of the contract for the well at Waikiki; real estate was purchased as follows: building corner Bertania street and Chinese Y. M. C. A. lane, \$109; What Cheer House \$225, land at Palama \$263, land at Kalihi \$650.25, a total of \$1,248.25; surveying, \$605.05; for Kamehameha schools—dormitory \$777.01, work and machine shop \$1,042.26, new carpenter shop \$387.82, blacksmith shop \$192.64, teachers' cottage, etc., \$3,981.35, water works \$807.06, school grounds \$710.69, roads \$648.65, desks and seats \$809.89, uniforms \$102.05, salaries \$7,471.80, boarding department \$3,067, preparatory school expenses \$1,688.85, and general expenses all schools \$397.05.

The foregoing items may serve to give a general idea of the magnitude of the trust in question, and the importance of the charge it has in the Kamehameha Schools.

CAMP DRILL.

The Honolulu Rifles Going Into Camp Two Days and Nights.

The Honolulu Rifles having decided to go into camp two days and nights next month, the officers of the battalion are absorbed in planning arrangements to make the event a success. On Friday Major Hubbard, Captains Zeigler, McCarthy and Fisher, and Lieutenants Robertson and Wickham, with a couple of invited guests, drove out to Diamond Head region to inspect eligible camping places there. They took a wagonette from the Hawaiian Hotel Stables, Major Hubbard holding the lines of the pair of horses.

Going by way of Moiliili the party returned round Diamond Head and through Kapiolani Park. The Major and Captain McCarthy had packed a first-class lot of picnic commissariat aboard, which enabled a satisfactory inspection to be made of a good encampment site at Wai-alea. It is a large level tract well shaded with kaava trees, but having enough open ground for battalion or skirmish drill. Water is obtainable from a well within easy distance. The spot is about two hours' moderate marching from the Armory, but the cars may be taken to Punahou if deemed proper. Hon. S. M. Damon has placed this ground at the disposal of the battalion and it will likely be chosen. Besides ocean breezes it has a good beach for bathing. It is calculated that 120 men will enter camp. To the public the encampment will be an attractive novelty; to the second battalion it ought to be a valuable means of military training.

The Dairy Maids.

Y. M. C. A. hall was filled to its utmost breathing capacity Saturday evening, on the occasion of the "Dairy Maids' Social" under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. U. Miss Parmelee opened with a piano solo, "Maid Muller" was then rendered in character. Miss Hattie Dickson read the text, while, at the proper moments, Miss Dillingham as "Maid" and Mr. Pease as the "Judge" were revealed, both well made up and acting their parts in good form. Mr. P. Pease, Jr., sang two songs, the second in response to applause over the first. "The Old Bachelor" was then acted in fine style by young ladies and gentlemen, bringing down the house with merry plaudits. Mrs. H. Townsend gave a song with charming effect, followed by Miss Malone, President of the Union, in a few remarks, wherein she gave the intimation that this was only the first of a series of entertainments. Gingerbread and milk, the latter served by the pretty milk maids, out of dainty milk pails, the ladies' heads arrayed in milk-white caps, concluded the novel and enjoyable sign.

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